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One of Greatest Sins of LDS Saints Mentioned By Elder Ezra T. Benson

"I remember standing before an audience in Hamburg, Germany, in 1946 where I had been sent by the Church to direct our LDS relief to the European saints," said Elder Benson at the Berkeley Stake Conference, August 28. "During the war one night's bombing had destroyed five of their six chapels and many of their homes. Next day those saints met together and laid at the feet of their priesthood leaders for equal distribution all their earthly possessions.

"At the conference as I stood there, I could see that many were in the last stages of mal-nutrition. Babies sat quiet. they had so little vitality leit. When the next day I took their leaders to see the Welfare goods stacked ready for them in the warehouse , the president ran his hands thru some dried beans and broke down and wept and could only say. 'It's wonderful that people who know

us not are willing to do this for us, yet we are not grateful enough

"As a Church and as a nation we are guilty of the grave sin of Ingratitude. The spirit of gratitude that is pleasing to the Lord and wholesome for us was displayed by President George Albert Smith when he sat down in Elder Benson's home one time before a table loaded with the bounties of life and said aloud before the family, "All this and the Gospel beludes."

Three ways to show our gratitude to God are to keep the commandments, to express our thankfulnss often for every large and small blessing, and to attend our sacrament meetings and offer up our thanks in the way He has commanded, for if any family neglects this one duty they cannot hold their families in the Church and will pay a heavy price of sore regret in times to come.

Oakland Stake Leadership Inst. Sponsored By MIA

Study to show thyself unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed. 2 Tim.; 2:15

All Stake and ward faculties, and Priesthood representatives of the Oakland Stake have been inspired through attendance at the Stake Leadership Institute, held at Dimond Ward Chapel, August 24-31, and September 2-9.

These sessions have been conducted under the capable leadership of the Superentendent Y. M.-M. I. A. Darrel J. Monson, and assistants Leland Wright and Calvin Kuhre; President Rhea Gustaveson Y. W. M. I. A and her assistants, Gertrude Lessor and Sally Lund, and board members and secretaries.

The following department sessions extended training and inspiration in carrying out the program for the 1949-1950 M. I. A. year, with the general thought in view that "Learning Never Ends."

President Delbert F. Wright, Executive department. President Glenn Shaw Bennion; Speech department and Drama, Mavis Humphreys, Bob Allen, Carmen Stephens and Kirke Decker; Music Deparment, Rodney Pocock, Erva Wilson, Blaine Wilson;

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Facts and Fiscal Figures of The Berkeley Stake Unified Building Program, End of First Year, Given by Pres. Wayne E. Mayhew

President Wayne E. Mayhew, speaking at the August 28 Berkeley stake conference, explained wherein the stake had fallen some $15,000 behind in the budget for the United Stake Building Program. He divided the wards of the stake into groups one and two. In Group 1 were placed the two Berkeley wards, Claremont, Martinez, Napa, Brentwood and Fairfield. This group, with a little less than half the stake population. had contributed $13,000 in cash while Group II, consisting of Richmond, East Richmond, Carquinez, Vallejo, Pittsburg and Walnut Creek with more than half the stake population had contributed to date $3600, tho this figure will likely be increased somewhat.

In Group I 38 percent of the families made some cash contribution to the Building Program, while in Group II 22 percent contributed any cash at all. In Grop 1 the average cash contribution made per family contributing was $30, while in Group II the amount per family contributing stands at $18

SOME BOUQUETS

President Mayhew said that he still found some bouquets to be handed out to the wards of the stake and to some individuals. Group 1 had made a good effort to reach its assessments; the entire stake had gone over 100 percent in labor requested, giving a total of 20,000 hours of labor with a value of $30,000, Fairfield and Brentwood Branches both had gone over the top in both cash

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Musical Treats To Reach Climax

The Daughters of the Utah Pioneers announce a most unusual musical afternoon September 18, beginning at 2:30 o'clock, at the LDS Institute of Religion, 2368 Le Conta street, Berkeley, one half block north of the U. C. campus.

A former conductor of famous classical works from Handel, Bach and Mendelssohn with the oratorio society of the Province of North Holland, and also the gifted leader of light opera productions, and well known teacher of piano and violin, Nico D. Snel, and his gifted son, "Nick" will present one hour of piano and violin numbers. Those who have had the privilege of listening to this gifted duo in their few concerts in the bay area are enthusiastic about this rare and new talent that has settled among the local LDS colony.

Following this presentation a half hour of choice vocal numbers by James and Charlotte Richardson, husband and wife and students of Heeder for the concert stage, will be offered. Called to sing over and over again in every ward in the stake and at stake functions, the Richardsons have grown into the esteem of the members for their charming songs and equally charming personalities.

An offering will be taken for the benefit of the two markers and monuments which the DUP are to erect this fall, memorializing the two historic spots on the San Joaquin and the Stanislaus rivers where the ship Brooklyn 1846 pioneers set out to grow the first wheat in the great central valley of California.

Light refreshments will be served.

Berkeley Stake Closes Its First Fiscal Year Under Unified Building Program

"We still need to get in and pitch to put the program over," declared President W. Glenn Harmon at the Berkeley stake quarterly conference, August 28, 1949. In the face of some distinct successes and also some plain failures in this the end of the first year of the unified stake-wide building program the call is to place the facts before the saints and to unite in plans for gains in the year ahead.

It was stated that the serious parts is the shortage of $15,000 in the cash part of the budget altho we have exceeded the labor budget. This serious part of the picture reminded President Harmon of the remarks once made by J. Golden Kimball, late Church leader who declared Tho the LDS prayed, "Thine be the Kingdom," fifty per cent of the saints don't believe it. We take God out of His pigeon hole at stake quarterly conferences and then carefully place Him back again and go on our ways once more, seeking other kingdoms than His."

"Yet I'm not discouraged" said Elder Harmon. 'I see things that are very encouraging. We certainly are far ahead of the place where we would have been without the Unified Building Program that we adopted a year ago."

"On the plus side of the ledger we can record the following accomplishments: first, we have erected a $135,000 Welfare Center and it is all paid for; second, for the first time in its history the stake will have achieved its full budget assessments, even including an extra assignment of canning in which our stake has produced one half of all the canning of the local region; third East Richmond, Pittsburg, Napa and Carquinez have beautiful sites--not all paid for, but selected and paid for in good part. Napa has also a $20,000 prune orchard of 40 acres; fourth, many inactive members have been brought back into faithful activity, and throughout the stake there has been infused a

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Liahona Club News

If there are any readers who yet don't know what the Liahona club is will you please raise your hands? Thank you. For your benefit we will say simply that it is a LDS business and professional men's dinner discussion club open to all LDS business leaders and professional people in the local colony. It meets regularly on the fourth Monday of the month at the Coit Hotel in Oakland at 7:30 p.m. Attorney A. D. Ericksen is the year's president. For details call at Res. LA. 4-6092 or Bus. Twin. 3-6848.

As projects the Liahona Club has taken the financial problems of The Messenger as one of its babies, and is currently looking up the possibilities of a summer camp for the local colony together with the Club. It is a center for discussion of local business possibilities and problems, and for the general interests of the LDS colony in the whole bay area. Friendships region-wide are kept warm and functioning.

At the August meeting of the Liahona Club entertainment and a

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BERKELEY STAKE GROUP AT THE MESA TEMPLE, APRIL 1949

Idaho Falls Temple and General Conference Excursion Sept. 29, Oct. 8

New but definite and final temple arrangements now have set the Berkeley-Oakland stake TEMPLE AND GENERAL CONFERENCE EXCURSION as follows:

The excursion bus will leave Dimond ward chapel Thursday, Sept. 29, at 5 p.m. for Oakland stake members and will leave Berkeley ward chapel at 6 p.m. for Berkeley stake members. Reach SLC about noon Friday, September 30, in time for Friday afternoon General Conference session. Stay in SLC Saturday and Sunday; leave SLC Monday, October 3, at 1 p.m., for Idaho Falls Temple. Leave Idaho Falls October 7, at 7 p.m. for home.

Reports from both Oakland and Berkeley stakes indicate a satisfactory enlistment for this important undertaking calling for two busses. Fares, $27 round trip, including a pillow for each person and a free group photograph taken on the temple grounds. Fares are due at time of registration as far in advance as possible.

Being the first California temple excursion to include the opportunity to also attend the General Conference of the Church, many have felt that this excursion may set a high mark for the bay area.

A change in former plans has been forced due to an unexpected official notification that the extensive alterations which are being made in the Idaho Falls temple will keep the temple closed until Oct. 4. Word comes also that the Logan temple for similar reasons will be closed until November. Thus the former plan to spend the week of September 26 to 29 in the Idaho Falls or Logan temple has gone by the boards. Hence, new and final plans, as given above, were adopted after careful study.

"We feel" says president Don C. Woods, " that almost everyone would drop their affairs and take time to go to Utah or Idaho to attend the funeral, let us say, of a parent. And yet some say 'we cannot take a week to do temple work for our dead.' Now when

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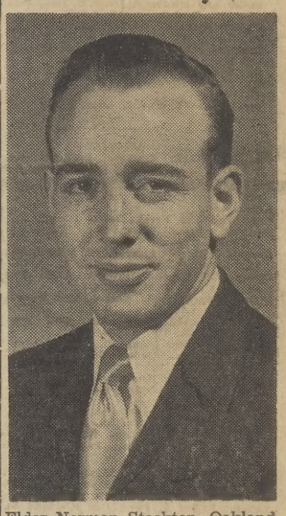
Missionary



Elder Norman Stockton, Oakland ward, is now on his way to the South African mission. Of fine physique and wonderful muscular development as a pupil of Brother Jonathan, Norman has also been a leader in MIA work as president of the Oakland stake M Men.

Oakland Stake Relief Soc. News

By Mildred Morgan

The Stake Relief Society party held August 18 in Mosswood park was a huge success, so much so that it will be held yearly; 125 were present.

The second rummage sale was successful not only for the Stake Relief Society but for Alameda ward Relief Society who sold their accumulated rummage. A tidy sum was divided between the two participating societies.

The presidents of all the wards met at the home of Stake President Hilda Perkins the first of September to discuss the coming year's work. Refreshments were served.

The presidency of the Stake Relief Society expect to go to the Gneral R. S. conference in Salt Lake City September 29 and 30. Hilda Perkins, Helen Ream, Rose Clark, Maude Briscoe, Lila Graham and others will be there.

The Stake Relief Society board meeting was held at Helen Ream's home in Hayward September 2. Also a social hour was held honoring Mary E. Stewart of our board who is leaving for a mission in the east with her husband, Owen D. Shewart. A gift was presented to Sister Stewart, a token of our appreciation of her work as sewing director and then teacher topic leader.

● Utah ranks high among the states for number of births, and low for number of deaths again population against the national average of 24.3. The deaths were in 1948: for births 31.44 per 1000 7.7 per 1000 people against a national average of 9.9. There were 404 births for every 100 deaths compared with 246 births for each 100 deaths in the nation at large.

EVERYBODY LISTEN

"THE FULLNESS OF TIME," a series of 13 weekly broadcasts presented by Napa ward over station KVON, 1440 on your dial, dramatizes incidents in the early development and growth of the Church. These episodes are prepared under the direction of the Church Radio and Publicity Committee and form a valuable contribution to the missionary efforts in this area.

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare my way before me: and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple." Mal. 3:1.

Berkeley Ward
(SECOND)

August 8, the Second ward of Berkeley passed the second year mark. How we have grown! Our Sunday school is almost as full as it was before the division. We are looking forward with enthusiasm as the Relief Society and Mutual year start and encourage everyone to come out and take part in these organizations.

The bishop's counselor, Jack Eastman, and family, have been on an extended trip. They spent some time in Salt Lake and then proceeded to the Mesa Temple where they attended Helen's brother's wedding, following which they traveled on to Mexico for a vacation before returning home shortly after Labor day.

Annette Call was the beautiful bride of Russell Koch last month. Their reception was held at the Church Institute on Le-Conte, where friends gathered to wish them well. Russell and Annette will make their home in Oakland, but we hope they will visit their old ward occasionally.

Primary will begin Wednesday, September 21, with Hermese Ogden officiating as president; Barbara Taylor, first counsellor; Louise Amos, second counsellor; Blanche Bagness, second ward secretary, and Etta Sparks, first ward secretary. There are 26 teachers ready to teach. A broad program has been outlined. It always proves worthwhile to start the children in the beginning so they enjoy everything planned for them.

Mutual will be headed by Ned Clyde and Dorothy Stone. All these of Mutual age can be assured of a good season with these two at the helm. Their officers and teachers will be announced later.

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Oakland Ward
BERNADINE M. ADAMS, TW. 3-4861

The Oakland Ward Bishopric has now become complete. Bishop Warnick has chosen his counselors. Arthur Bliss is first counselor and John Hughes is second counselor. We in the ward are willing to stand by our new bishopric and wish to extend our prayers and cooperation whenever needed.

Lita Easton and Kenneth Fraser were united in marriage by the bride's father, Peter Easton, in the Chapel of the Chimes with a reception at our ward. The bride and groom, together with the bride's parents, motored to Utah and Idaho and were married in the Idaho Falls temple, with Peter Easton having the honor to speak at one of the sessions. It is reported that it was an enjoyable trip and the newly married couple are residing in Oakland ward area. Happiness to both, always.

Word has been received from our former bishop, Vinal Mauss and family, who are in Japan. All is well. They are looking for letters from home. We wish them God Speed.

Mutual Social is set for September 13. Please keep this date in mind and let's have a 100 per cent turn-out. May our motto be—"Let's Go to Mutual."

Joining the young married people are two more couples:

Janet and Bob Bundy, who were married in the Salt Lake Temple. Bob has just served one year in the army air forces. Bob and Janet had their reception at the ward and were greeted by all their friends.

Beverly Duggan and Jim Call were married at the Chapel of the Chimes with their reception at the ward and then motored to Salt Lake temple. Both couples are residing in Oakland. To these young couples we send congratulations.

Norman Stockton is our most recent missionary who was honored at a farewell on September 6. Norman will labor in South Africa. Norman has been very active and has been our stake M Men president. Happiness in your labors, Norman.

Berkeley Ward
FIRST WARD
DAWNA ERICKSON and CAROL DUNHAM

Berkeley ward is once again undergoing the change of membrship brought about by cupid and college life.

The 20th of August was marked by the wedding of Russell Koch and Annette Call at the Chapel of the Chimes in Piedmont. They have recently returned to Berkeley after their honeymoon, and at present Russell will resume his studies at Hastings law school in San Francisco.

On Wednesday, September 1st, Marrilyn Harmon and Joan Gardner leave for Salt Lake where both will complete their marriage vows at the Salt Lake Temple. David Cummings and Lola Nielsen left on August 24th to be married in the Temple.

The entire ward extends their sympathy to the Nielsen family upon the death of Jesse Nielsen, who died on the 25th of August after an extended illness. He had served as a bishop in Idaho some years ago. His body was taken to Brigham City for burial.

Sunday evening, August 21st, the Berkeley First ward held a farewell program in appreciation of the work of "Bill" Richards who has acted as the ward choir director for over four years while majoring in music at "Cal." Ether Richards is leaving shortly to attend The Union Theological Seminary for advanced study in music. He has done fine work with the Berkeley choir and has done much to increase the ward's appreciation for sacrd music. On the same program the ward welcomed home David Cummings who had recently returned from his mission in the New England stataes. His exhilarating report of the missionary work "without purse nr script" will be well remembered by all of the ward membrs.

Utah has been the mecca for both brides and students. The ward will lose some of the following young people who will return to Zion to finisr their college training: Laura Summerhayes, Patty Russell, Martha Leigh Mayhew, Lenore Ream, Eunice Harmon, Barbara Green, Carolyn Johnson, George Sorensen, and Reed Tolman. We wish them the best of luck in their studies and are looking forward to seeing them during their next period of vacation.

● Ever ride on the D. and R. G. R. R. from SLC to Sanpete and Sevier counties? After August 25, 1949 the line will be discontinued and only motors buses run. Oh yes, Sanpete county has three modern airfields.

Berkeley, Oakland Joint Primary Con.

Oakland and Berkeley stakes met jointly at the Berkeley ward chapel Friday, August 19, for the annual primary convention. Nina Halliday and Delsa P. Stevens of the General Primary Board were in attendance; President Annette Wood of Berkeley stake conducted.

Sister Halliday urged all to try to discover the basic needs of the individual. These basic needs, she said, are the same regardless of age:

First: Love—everyone, young or old, craves affection.

Second: Belonging—all our lives we try to belong to, or be a part of a group; first our family, then the community, the church or our country, etc.

Third: Achievement—all have creative endowments; they feel joy in making something; in being someone.

Fourth: Recognition—to be appreciated is the apex of education. Efforts should be praised regardless of achievement. Praise helps all, always.

In the afternoon session President Glenn Shaw stressed the fact that the church's greatest investment is in its children.

The Primary project for 1949-50 is:

"I will be quiet and reverent
Whenever prayers are said,
At church, at meal time,
Or kneeling by my bed."

Elmhurst Ward
RAELEN REYNOLDS.

Another MIA outing was enjoyed by many at the Joaquin Miller park August 2. Hamburgers, corn on the cob, soda pop and all the trimmings were on the menu. All of this was carried out by the able leadership of our Mutual presidency, Blanche Jacobs, Charm Vause and Dorothy Jacobs.

The following Tuesday night, the 9th was another swimming party at the Castlemont Pool. Swimming was from 6 to 7 and was followed by a delicious chili feed at the Elmhurst Ward Recreation Hall. The whole stake was invited and a grand group showed up from all of the wards despite the doubtful weather conditions.

On August 12th, at 6:30 in the morning, little Becky Sue Wilson made her appearance at the Blaine and Ruth Wilson household. Weighing in at 7 lbs. 1 oz. Everyone wishes the new Miss Wilson the best of happiness throughout her life.

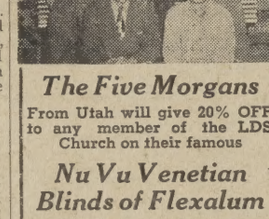
Mr. and Mrs. John Nelson recently announced the marrige of their daughter, Joanne, to Robert J. Andersen of Ogden, Utah, on the 22nd of August in the Salt Lake Temple. The reception was held at the Bertha Eccles Hall in Ogden. Joanne and Bob are living out here in our midst again and we hope to see them often. Those who know Joanne and Bob want to wish them luck and happiness in their future years.

In closing let us all remember that "If persons lose confidence in themselves, it takes away the strength, faith, and confidence that others have in them—it leaves a space that we call weakness."

Relief Society Convention Oct. 14

The yearly convention for the Oakland-Berkeley stakes Relief Society will be held at the Berkeley ward chapel October 14, 1949.

Two visitors from the Relief Society General Board will be in attendance. Wards will be contacted for assignments later. All stake and ward workers are urged to reserve the date.



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What Work Needed Now At Berkeley Welfare Center

All the hearty and rugged brethern of the Berkeley stake, and all the good hearted ones everywhere who read this are hereby reminded, invited and otherwise encouraged and cajoled or persuaded in the goodness of their hearts to COME AND LEND STILL FURTHER HELP IN LIBERAL AMOUNTS EVERY SPARE HOUR at the near-completed Berkeley stake bishop's storehouse and welfare center.

Good old Tony Clark wept on our shoulder, and still smiled with appreciation, while he asked us to stress THE NEED RIGHT NOW FOR CABINET MAKERS, FINISH CARPENTERS AND CEMENT FINISHERS AS WELL AS HOARDS OF STRONG BACKED LABORERS FROM OFFICES AND STORES AND EVERYWHERE.

Staring us in the face out there at Fink Lane and San Pabol in El Cerrito is "oodles" of work needing to be done to put in curbs and sidewalks, and to complete the big priesthood project building.

I asked, "Tony, tell me over the phone how many are out there this morning to help in all this work." And Tony just chuckled and answered, "Brother Ball, there is just me and the cat which has just jumped up on my lap."

So I hung up and started on this letter to the brethren. I know they will go to work and help the Cat" and Tony and put the finishing touches to that wonderful project. Nothing like it being done by any other church group in the world! Only the Latter-day Saints. "This work is spiritual," said the brethren at the conference, "and all who enter into it in good heart will receive spiritual blessings. Come in prayer and feast your soul in love for the Lord and for one another. Get enthusiastic in a good cause!

Returned Missionaries Edify Stake Conference

Three returned elders and one lady missionary edified the Berkeley stake conference, August 28. Reed Tolman is home from Australia, Scott Barrett from the Western States mission, and Roger Magleby from Mexico, while Helen Burdett returned from the East Central States We wish space allowed for statements showing the spirit of these talks, but they truly warmed the hearts of the audience. What wealth these young people gain by their faithful terms in the Ministry of the holy Savior before the world.

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Claremont Ward

Florence Millward, Barbaragene and Glen, her two children, have just returned from Utah where they spent the summer months with friends and relatives. Florence is the president of Claremont Ward Primary; she comes back refreshed after a nice vacation and with a lot of new ideas to make the Primary a more active organization for the children. Florence together with her counselors and teachers will appreciate the support of your good parents in getting your children to Primary. LaVar drove back to return the family. Now all are happily together again.

—Following is a list of Claremonites who have returned from vacations: Mr. and Mrs. George F. Badoulm and family, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Gleason and family. All these happy families come back with a restedlook and a determination to carry on their good work in our ward.

Frank Millward and Arthur Wood motored to Utah with Robert LaVar Millward a few weeks ago.

By the time you read these colums, Robert Burdett and Lewis Skanchy will be on their way into the mission field. They take with them our best wishes for a most successful two years. We have learned to love them much and will give them our faith and prayers to our Father in heaven.

WEDDING BELLS

BENNION-WOOD

A get-acquainted party given by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wood, honoring their daughter, Lenora, prior to her marriage to Owen Bennion, was enjoyed by the many friends of the family here in the east bay. The party was held in the LDS Institute, 2368 LeConte, in Berkeley. Dancing and refreshments were of special interest but the highlight of the occasion was the manner in which Owen was introduced to everyone attending the party. Lenore and Owen were married in the Salt Lake Temple. A reception was held for the happy couple in Salt Lake City and after the honeymoon the Bennions will make their home in Tooele.

REMINGTON-WOOD

Miss Marjorie Wood, that charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don C. Wood, was married to Earl Remington August 25, 1949, in Salt Lake Temple; Benjamin Browring performed the ceremony.

The bride was dressed in a beautiful lace trimmed white satin gown and her bridesmaids were dressed in pastel colors which fit perfectly into the scene of the garden flowers at the home of the bride's uncle, Douglas Wood, in Salt Lake City, where a reception was held for the couple after the temple marriage. Many friends and relatives of both bride and groom were in attendance at the reception and many presents were received.

The couple spent a few days in Yosemite National park after which they were honored with another reception at the LDS Institute on Le Conte in Berkeley. The many friends of the Wood family here in the bay area met for the first time the tall, blonde, handsome young man who succeeded in taking our very capable and talented Marjorie away from this part of the Lord's vineyard. This romance began during the war days when Earl was serving in the U. S. navy. They met again in the Mission Home in Salt Lake City where each of them went preparatory to leaving for a two year service for our Church. Earl served his term in the Western Canadian Mission and Marjorie in the East Central States Mission, during which time they kept up a correspondence. These two people met again the early part of this year which brought the romance to a climax.

Marjorie will teach music in the Weber county schools and Earl will attend Weber college in Ogden this year. The happy couple will be at home in Apt. 1, 2555 Jefferson, Ogden, Utah. (Let's call on them sometime). We will miss Marjorie from our organizations in Claremont because she filled several positions in various organizations and was always ready and willing to help out wherever her music could and did fit in. Much happiness to each of you, Marjorie and Earl, from all of us.

SPECIAL INVITATION

We take pleasure in extending a special invitation to each and every member of the Claremont ward over the age of 12 years to attend our opening MIA party September 14, 1949, in the Berkeley chapel, Vine and Walnut. This is a special occasion with dancing and refreshments and a very special program under the direction of our superintendent, Orlando Bowman, and our president, Edna Cardwell. We are looking forward to a very successful year in this organization under the leadership of two such capable people. Brother Bowman is new in the Claremont MIA this year but he has already proved his ability and we want you all to get acquainted with him. There are several new teachers and officers to help pep up the gatherings this year so please accept our "Invitation to Learning" and fun which begins with the date of this opening party.

Hayward Ward

MRS. ROBERT LIVINGSTON.

We are happy to welcome Dean and Joyce Ditton and Marjorie Smith as members of the Church. They were recently baptized.

Max O'Starr spent two weeks in Camp San Luis Obispo with the home guards. Isabella O'Starr attended the geneological training class. She plans to spend some time at the temple and also time doing research work.

Ellis Olsen spent three weeks at the Veterans' Hospital. The operation involved removal of a kidney.....

A baby son was born to Grace Hansen August 7. All is well.....John and Ruth Myers have returned to Hayward to live; they have been living at Grants Pass, Orgon.

A stork shower was held for Marjorie Nelson at the home of her mother, Bessie Hartwell. .....Two bridal showers were held for Donna Jean Webb. She plans to marry on September 7.

Sister Annie Canning died August 18 after a long illness. One of the oldest residents of the ward, she is survived by her husband, one son and a daughter. The funeral was held August 22 followed by cremation in the Chapel of the Chimes.

A bridal shower was held at the home of Betty Martin for Nina Lee Stewart. Nina was married to Ross Burnside, a brother of Vivian Blackman, in the Salt Lake Temple, August 23. Bro. and Sis. Stewart were in Salt Lake for the marriage.

Our ward genealogical committee now has a fine assortment of Christmas cards and are ready to take all orders up to a million, and also have Christmas candies for sale. Max and Isabell O'Starr are in charge. Hurry!.....Ada Wiseman has been visiting in Utah for three weeks.

It was Brother Lyon that reminded us that: 'He that has been warned should warn his neighbor." The missionaries held one cottage meeting in August. Would you not like to have one held in your home?

Ella Christensen fell and hurt her leg. While still in the wheel chair she attended a King family reunion in honor of her grandfather and gave the main speeih from the chair.

San Leandro Ward Purchases Church Building

A long-time San Leandro landmark, the First Methodist church, located on Juana avenue, is now the property of San Leandro ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The white frame building has been well kept through the years and will provide adequate facilities for the use of San Leandro ward. The First Methodist church will continue to use the building until March 1, 1950, when they expect to have their new chapel completed.

The chapel proper, seating approximately 200, has been recently remodeled and is complete with cushiond pews of dark walnut, carpeting and an electric orgatron. The building also includes a large social hall, kitchen with stove and sufficient equipment to serve 100 people, the makings of a pleasant Relief Society room and bishop's office, as well as possibly five senior Sunday school classrooms. The adjoining parsonage provides facilities for a junior Sunday school.

With a meeting-place of their own, outstanding growth and development will result.

Richmond Ward

NORMA PASSEY.

Sister Mable Trottier is our new Relief Society president. Congratulations, Sister Trottier. We wish you success.

The executive officers for the YWMIA this year have been chosen: Algie Gifford, president; Adrain Falles, manual counselor; Avis Gengler, activity counselor, and Norma Passey, secretary.

Peter and Avis Gengler were hosts at a lovely party which they gave at the Standard Oil Company's Rod and Gun Club. Everyone who attended had a wonderful time.

Timothy Morley, Jr., and family spent about three weeks in Grants ville, Utah. Bro. Morley was there on business. He harvested about 700 bushels of wheata from his 50 acre dry farm; plans to increase his land holdings to about 120 acres next year. Sister Morley's mother was ill and they were to spend some time with her. Grandma Morley visited this month in Sebastopol with her daughter, Lillian.

Mrs. Blanche Harmon of San Francisco had an operation this month; all of her friends will be glad to know she is doing well.

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Liahona Club

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good time together were the order of the evening. President Erichsen gave one of his most inspiring statements of the Club functions and the distinct potentialities for development open before it in service to the whole colony.

But you would also have thoroughly enjoyed the speaker, Harvey Lyon. Know him? Neither did we, but say, he is the most charming spinner of the odd tales connected with the storage of the Lyon Storage warehouse company Well, that's Harvey, and does he enjoy the queer things that so often happen to one thus serving the varied public.

Haven't time to tell you about the undertaker who had two caskets kept in storage for the last rites for himself and his wife, of Cliff Durant and his $50,000 supply of liquors (during prohibition) which he wanted stored by Lyon but finally stored in a hotel room with double locks and next to the room he occupied; of the odd man who stored the urn containing the ashes of his pet cat, and then for years paid over $300 storage costs on it; of the crook who got himself stored in th warehouse in a trunk so that he might release him self and rob to his heart's content among the stored treasures; or of the amnesia victim who stored great treasures, moved and forgot all about the valuable storage until $700 storage was run up, and then heard Lyon's voice on the air one day and had her memory restored regarding the storage, and redeemed everything. A wealthy lady, she afterwards showered appreciations upon Lyon for his patience and help in her case.

But, if you weren't there you missed this and a lot more including the guitar accompanied ballad singing of Jesse Harmon. See you the fourth Monday in September at the good old Coit Hotel at 7:30.

Napa Ward News

CATHERINE J. WOOLLEY.

It is prune picking time in the Napa ward. Every morning at 5 and thruout the day one may find several of the faithful members of the ward busy as bees in harvesting the prune crop. Of course many sore knees, stiff backs and so on may be seen at other gatherings, but no one complains and the prunes. several tons of them, will soon be in the bins.

The monthly officers and teachers' leadership meeting this month was held at the Water Works. We had an excellent attendance and all heard a most inspirational talk by President Ranker. A short business meeting followed after which Sunday School officers and teachers served canteloupe a la mode.

Another special occasion at the Water Works this month was a Fireside Group social held in honor of Beverly Thompson and other out-of-town visitors, who had been here this summer. About thirty young people enjoyed a wienie bake and then adjourned to the hall where dancing was enjoyed. The Fireside group have been having some fine times.

We had a period of singing, then listened to the radio broadcast sponsored by the Napa ward every Sunday evening, from 9 to 9:30 over the Napa station, JVON, 1440 on your dial. The "Fulness of Times," a dramatized story of Mormonism in serial form is now being presented, with Tabernacle choir and organ numbers.

Vacation time has taken many members away from our ward for short periods of time. Bro. and Sis. Delmar Fowles and family with Sister Pearl Elder, vacationed in Utah and while there went into the House of the Lord, and were sealed to each other for time and eternity. We know they will have much joy and happiness in their lives from this visit to the Temple. At the time of this writing, two other families are in Utah and there they too are entering the Holy Temples: the Ferrin Lee Francom family and also the Frank Gunderstrup family. We pray the blessings of the Lord to be with these fine people and know our Heavenly Father is pleased with them all.

The Candlands enjoyed a trip back through Utah, the Olives just returned from the East and drove back a new car. Brother and Sister Horace Altree celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary by taking a trip into Canada and Washington and Oregon. They reported a most wondrful time. The Taysoms visited their old home in Wyoming, the Bridges visited in Utah; the Kellers enjoyed sevral camping trips, the Constables toured through Washinbton, the Knowltons spent some time in Utah. Now vacation time is over, however, the Woolleys are taking a few days in Southern California and visiting the St. George Temple.

Many members in the ward had the privilege of entertaining two missionaries from the Santa Rosa district while they were at the Napa County fair, in charge of a booth showing Temple Square, Salt Lake City. Many tracts were distributed and copies of the Book of Mormon were sold. Much credit is due the Stake missionaries of Napa ward for this fine booth, Bro. Fred Reeder and Erastus Wheeled.

Idaho Falls Conference Trip

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you consider it thoughfully which is more demanding of our time, to take a week to redeem ten or fifteen of our dear dead ones who have been held back waiting for us to do their work for them or to bury one dead person be it even a parent who has died having his or her temple work already done? One is important; so also is the other."

"Besides the good we do for our dead on these temple excursions," commented Rufus O. Phelps, president of the Oak. High Priests, "there are great personal benefits for each one of us. First, the spiritual rebirth that comes to us in the House of the Lord, second the mental calm and peace which we all need so much, and third, the health improvement from the weeks, change from home concerns and also from the cheerful friendly associations on the trip and in the temple. Temple excursions help the living as well as the dead. Let everyone just say, "I'll go, and I'll be glessed."

The fares by chartered bus are far less than regular fares, and the trip by exclusive chartered bus is far more enjoyable to all concerned.

The round trip leaving the bay area Sept. 24 for Idaho Falls, then thru Salt Lake City for the conference October 1 and 2, and home October 3 will cost $27. And that includes a pillow for each one, and also a free professional group photograph taken on the temple grounds for each person.

The pleasures of the bus trip are very great. With an appointed master of ceremonies for entertainment, group singing and instrumenial music are ever on tap to while away the time pleasantly. Conversations with the different ones in the party makes for variety as the bus stops at will of the group for refreshments. Unlike the regular busses, the chartered bus runs at the will of the group expressed to the driver by the appointed leader of the excursion.

Rooms in Idaho Falls, we expect, will be available at reasonable rates at the homes of the saints for those who do not wish to stay in hotels or motels, probably about $1.00 per person per night.

Make up your minds as soon as possible to go; make reservations so that definite notice can be given to the bus company in plenty of time to secure the best rolling stock available anywhere. One half of the fare, at least should be paid down, if possible at time of advance reservations.

The chartered but will pick pp the Oakland stake group at Dimond Ward Chapel, 3618 Dimond ave. at 3 p. m. September 24, and then will proceed to the Berkeley ward chapel at Vine and Walnut streets where the Berkeley group will be picked up at 4 p m.

Those who have small musical instruments are invited to bring them along. Suggestions invited as to diversion on the way, etc. To Idaho Falls the bus goes via Wells, Nevada.

San Leandro Ward

VERNA JACKSON

The future is bright for San Leandro ward. The enthusiasm and good spirit prevailing in the ward bespeaks the interest of the members in the purchase of a meeting place of our own. Of course, this makes it necessary to enlist the cooperation of every member to take care of the finances.

The first event on the fund-raising schedule held Friday evening, August 26—a $10.000 dinner—was more than a success. Our sincere thanks to all who so willingly helped. The program was presented by our Samoan neighbor, Brother Eddie Tee and family and was most interesting and enjoyable.

Several outstanding events are beieng planned for the entertainment of the ward members and to give each of us opportunities to help further with the building program. The interest and cooperation already shown is very much appreciated and we ask that you continue to support the building fund.

During the past month, Brother Milton Wells returned home from the Texas-Louisana Mission, having completed a successful two years' missionary labor. On August 20th, he was married in the Saint George Temple to Sister Mary Winteh of Trophic, Utah. Milton plans on entering the University of Utah this fall.

Our San Leandro baseball team has been affording a great deal of fun for those who play as well as those in the rooting section.

Have you received your silver dollar from the Bishopric? Cash in—and watch your dollar GROW.

Within the next few weeks, each of the auxiliary organizations will be getting underway for another big season. Everyone is encouraged to attend and so enjoy and profit by the programs that have been planned.

Stake Leadership Monthly Meeting

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Dance Department, Ruby Lesser; Special Interest Department, Catherine K. H. Marsh, M. Men Department, John Hughes; Gleaner Department, Kay Baer, Beatrice Larsen, Ruth Pingree; Explorer Dept., Dale Roe; Junior Dept, Lee Ashly, Annabel Hart, Mavis Humphreys; Scout Dept., Cavlin Kuhre; Beehive Dept., Marjorie Brooks; Secretarics Dept, Ruth Nelson.

The evening of the last session was spent in recreation and dancing for all members in attendance, with special floor dance features.

Each member in attendance received a bookmark with the Themic for 1949-1950 printed on it.

Dimond Ward

Congratulations are in order for Dee and Donna Bates. They have a new daughter, Diane, born August 3.

We are happy to welcome Marge and Duane Crooks back to Dimond. Duane has been going to the BYU, and this fall term starts at his law studies at Boalt hall, University of Calif.

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The many friends of Bob and Evelyn Kest will be glad to know that they have built a new home in Palo Alto and are settled there. Bob is teaching at Stanford.

Remember those missionary parties; everyone please come out to help make them a success. Bill Atkins, who is leaving for the Samoan mission, is having his farewell party October 5. Let us all think of the missionaries often and send letters from home once in awhile. Our faith and prayers will help them, too.

Florence Cragun left Oakland the end of August to start the long journey to Germany to join Gail, her husband, who is a captain in the air force. We hope Florence and her three small children have a wonderful trip.

We thank all who have come out to help at the cannery and welfare farm; every bit of help is appreciated and the results show what can be accomplished with the support and help from the brothers and sisters of the ward.

Primary opening meeting will be held Wednesday, September 14, at 3:45 p.m.

The first Tuesday in October has been set apart for the opening Relief Society meeting. It will commence at 10:00 a.m.

MIA is having its opening social in the form of a dinner and a program Tuesday, September 13, at 7 p.m. Classes commence the following Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to come out and make our MIA a huge success. We have new officers and teachers who are capable. We thank the resigning teachers and officers for the excellent, faithful job they have done.

The Saturday night folk dance classes have spelled lots of fun and have been fairly well attended. The teachers are excellent and well-trained.

Alameda Ward

The MIA officers were released with a vote of thanks for the fine work they have done. It was with regret that the YWMIA president, Lue Seavers was released, as she has filled her position faithfully for many years. We all certainly appreciate her. The new officers of the MIA are Mary Alice Knowlton, president; Dot Lane, first counselor; Lola Stam, activity counselor. We welcome them to their new duties, and wish them well.

Everyone will be glad to know that Lue Seavers is at home and recovering nicely from an emergency operation performed August 7.

The ward party held August 2 proved to be very successful. They enjoyed folk dancing, refreshments, and a lovely program that brought back memories of the past year.

An enjoyable bridal shower was held Wednesday, August 17, for Delores Knowles. We're certainly going to miss that girl when she marries and moves to Sacramento.

Congratulations go to Kenny Pike of Sacramento upon being baptized this month. We're very happy for Kenny and Delores who soon will be his Mrs.

Volunteers were asked to work at the Welfare house August 8, canning string beans, and with the wonderful response that was given the work was accomplished in no time at all.

The Relief Society of Alameda and the stake held a rummage sale Friday, August 12, which proved to be very successful. Profits and expenses were shared.

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stronger feeling of brotherhood.

President Harmon concluded by listing the aims as we now launch into the new fiscal year: first, building a new chapel in Claremont ward on the site selected, and paid for, plans already drawn and approved Second, a new chapel for Napa well underway during the year; third, completion of the Pittsburg ward chapel.

When we think that the Church in Kirtland with about 2000 members erected the beautuful $250,000 Kirtland temple in abject property and most trying circumstances, and completed the Nauvoo temple under times of great persecution and finanicial struggle, we know that we certaily can finish the much lesser task, comparably speaking, that we have heard of us with our membership of 5600.

Says the Lord (D. of C. 58:26:27. "For behold, it is not meet that I should command in all things: for he that is compelled in all things, the same is a slothful and not a wise servant. . .

"Verily, I say, men should be anxiously engaged in a good cause and do many things of their own free will, and bring to pass much righteousness.

Two Claremont Ward Missionary Farewells Held

Bob Burdett, Claremont ward, was given his farewell in the Berkeley chapel Friday August 26. He soon leaves for the Holland Mission—Louis Skanchy's farewell was held in the Berkely chapel, September 1. He will preach to the people of the Central Alantic Mission Two finer young men than these have not been sent out by Berkeley stake. Both are from Claremont ward.

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Maxwell Pk. Ward

MARJORIE HAWKINS KE. 3-2864.

The Young Mens Mutual this year will be headed by William Matheson There is quite a story to the life of this good brother. He was born in Briscoe, Utah, a little town in southern Utah. He was one of a family of seven boys and two girls, of Catherine Matheson of Dimond ward. When he was six his family moved to Canada where they had no means of attending church—not until the family was all grown and they moved to Detroit, Michigan.

There they looked up the church, and became affiliated with it only to discover they were attending theservices of the Reorganized Branch. It was while living in Detroit, that "Bill" met and married Hazel Chibnal, then a good member of the Methodist church.

In 1922 they moved to California in the Dimond district. They were both baptized in 1932, and became active in the Dimond ward. Since living in Maxwell Park, Bill has been busy in the Elders' Quorum, and in the Adult Aaronic Priesthood work. Recently they were married in the Salt Lake Temple, having their two daughters, Eleanor and Catherine sealed to them. They are a wonderful family, and we appreciate them and the work they are doing in our ward.

Hazel Matheson is to be the Special Interest teacher this year in Mutual. Other members of the Young Men's Board include: Rulon Folkman, Manual Counselor; Dick Smith, Activity; Ross Angell, Secretary; John Dahley, M Men; Earle Larsen, Scout Master.

The Young Ladies' Mutual will be fortunate in having Lucille Williams as president again this year. Lucille has chosen the following ladies to work with her: Nana Folkman, Manual Counselor; Joyce Briscoe, Activity; Dallas Pocock, Secretary; Bea Larsen, Gleaner; Rosetta Thomas, Junior; Vera Rollens, Violet Fontana and Sister Meyers, Beehive Department; Maude Briscoe, Drama; Barbara and Wendell Martin, Dance; Vivian Williams, Music. We know we shall have a wonderful Mutual program this year. We truly desire the support of every member of the ward.

The opening social of the Mutual comes September 13, 1949, in our ward hall; come out and join us in a lovely dancing party, program and refreshments.

Garry Larsen and her four children look very healthy and happy after their two months' visit in Arizona, and we noticed that "Happy Father" and "Glad to have you home" look on Earl's face, too.

Betty Lou Pulley has been visiting her family, Rosetta and LaMar Thomas during the past month. We are glad she could be here and see Howard, who recently underwent a major operation at the Veterans' hospital. He is recovering nicely, and will soon be out with us again.

We welcome Correen Marchant into our ward; the bride of Glen Marchant. They were married on August 20, by Ron Cheney, president of the Santa Rosa Branch, who formerly was a member of the bishopric of our ward. Congratulations Glen and Correen.

Olga Barker was the guest of honor at a baby shower, given at the home of Lois Hansen. A lovely time enjoyed by everyone in attendance.

We have appreciated the fine response of workers at the stake cannery. The elders of the ward have canned pears recently for their own use, and greatly enjoyed the association one with another. If you would be interested in another project of this kind, please contact J. A. Markham, KE. 2-7036.

Remember: "It isn't advisable to tell everything you know, buit it's best to know everything you tell."

Oakland Stake Canning Record

Sister Estrella McBride of the Oakland stake canning center reported their assigned budget for the whole season: 5520 cans of fruit; 5040 cans of vegetables (string beans); and 1800 cans of tomatoes.

To date the Oakland canning center has produced on this budget assignment: 5329 cans of fruit (apricots, 1085 cans, and pears, 4244 cans); and 4065 cans of string beans. Tomatoes had not been started as of September 9.

In addition they report 110 cans of apricot jam and 300 cans of apple sauce.

Group canning has been done at the canning center by four ward and quorum groups: Elders Quorum of Maxwell Park, 21 families; 380the quorum seventy (San Leandro and Hayward wards) 22 families; Alameda ward, 18 families, and Hayward, one family. This group canning is welcomed by the Center and the ward and quorums are encouraged to plan and come to do their canning altogether. Contact Sister McBride.

Fiscal Year

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and labor. There are only 24 families in each of these branches which are situated over 50 miles from the Welfare Center.

Claremone ward was also commended for the fact that for both 1948 and 1949 the ward had contributed its full budget in both cash and labor

However, Napa has owned and operated a 40-acre orchard and in addition has held a position in Group I, altho 40 miles away from the Welfare Center Berkeley First ward and Martinez, while both have chapels of their own and do not stand to benefit from the Building Program for some years ahead, still have supported the program. Berkeley Second ward has led all the wards in the labor contributed, on average of $50 per family

Twelve or fifteen individuals are worthy of special commendation for more than liberal contribution of time and also cash However, their names were not mentioned by the speaker.

"I am encouraged," concluded presiden Mayhew, because our total effort has really been so much better than it was the year before the program started. $40,000 better. These Welfare commandments are spiritual commandements and spiritual blessings will follow."

Carquinez Ward

MARJORIE Y. NELSON.

This is the third week that work has been in progress on our ward welfare project, the home that is being erected on Benicia Road. Under the able supervision of Brother Thorvald Honsvick, Sr., the home is being constructed by very capable and able hands. It is a delight to witness the willingness and enthusiasm provided by the workers each day and evening. —For those of you who remember two of our former servicemen, this item will prove to be interesting. Dr. Horace J. Milligan has recently been sustained bishop of the Thirteenth ward in Logan, Utah, and has chosen as his ward clerk, Brother William L. Jones.

This paragraph carries a note of sadness: Brother Roland Peterson passed away August 17. His body was shipped to Brigham City, Utah, for burial. Our deepest expression of sympathy is extended to his family.

Shirlene Kelly has now left California to make her home in Logan, Utah. She and Paul Ripplinger are to be married in the Logan Temple, and will live in Logan where Paul will attend the Utah State agricultural college.

Hats off to our softball team! They have really brought honor to our ward since becoming the victors of the Northern Division of the state. They have surely provided the ward with excitement while the season was in progress, and we feel they have truly earned their victory for their fine display of ball playing.

It hasn't all been successful, however, as Harold Severson was injured during one of the play-off games with Vallejo ward. He received a cracked wristbone, but from all indications, it is well taken care of and not causing him too much disability.

Sister Signe Honsvick has left for South Salt Lake where she and her family will establish their home. As soon as the abovementioned welfare house is completed, Bro. Honsvick will join them.

The Teachers of the Aaronic Priesthood held a picnic and a swimming party on the 20th at Putah creek. Brother Budd Bingham supervised the outing.

A sock party was held in the ward on Friday, the 19th, under the sponsorship of the MIA with the summer recreational supervisor, Loraine Stevenson, in charge. Everyone checked his shoes at the door, and then enjoyed a pleasant evening, consisting of a one-act play, "Ten Per Cent Tommy," games, folk dancing and refreshments.

Brentwood Ward

IVY BRECK

Activities of special interest for August included a roller skating party at Sweeney's Beach; those who felt they had recovered from the last skating party took part.

On the 9th almost the entire Brentwood membership drove to Tracy for a swim in an inviting plunge.

The progressive dinner August 5, was a huge success—30 in all stopped first at the Geddes home where Bernice Geddes and Gene Pederson served a beautiful array of appetizers consisting of olives, pickles, fish, onions, cucumbers, plums, carrot curls, crackers spread with cheese, tomato juice and lemonade.

From there we went to the Clark home where the crowd gathered around the piano for a few songs. The table sparkled with sterling and glassware; three kinds of salad were served by Edna Clark, her daughter Donna, and Mary Crane.

The next stop was at the home of Lester Schofield, where the tables were set to accommodate the entire group. Spaghetti, meat balls and french bread were served by Caroline Schofield, Undine Kutsch, Ella Christley and Helen Epling. After a short program we proceeded to the home of Alfred Pederson for delicious ice cream and cake prepared by Signa Pederson, Marge Curtis and Jessie Brown. Everyone ate to capacity and enjoyed an evening of fun and laughter.

And now, before leaving the Berkeley stake, we are happy to report our branch organization complete. We held our first Relief Society meeting August 11, President Undine Kutsch presiding. It was a work meeting; all worked on an unfinished quilt donated by first councilor, Helen Epling, when it was suggested we make table cloths, out of bleached flourSacks. Elsie Wells, an investigator, who has been sending and bringing flowers, said she had a two and one-half yard linen table cloth which had never been used that she would like to give to us.

Sister Edne Clark, our work director, had brought melons, punch and candy to go with our sandwiches.

Secretary Jessie Brown was excused but the teachers were all there. Ella Christley will teach literature; Gene Pederson, social science and Ivie Breck, theology. Primary President Bernice Geddes is magazine agent; Signe Pederson, organist, and it looks as though we will have visiting teachers. There were 14 present. It was decided to meet at 10 a.m. Tuesdays. We had a happy time together.

Funeral services for Mary Galdz were held August 25. She was the mother of Undine Kutsch. Our love and sympathy to the family.

Our missionary, Rex Schofield, in the Southern States, was cited in the Mission Bulletin for July as setting a mission record when he and his companion prosolyted 57 hours each.

Pittsburg Ward

GLORIA MAGLEBY.

Pittsburg's MIA officers and teachers turned out full force for the MIA Institute in Martinez, Aug. 22 and 24. With Marian and Carvel Dansie as respective heads of the Young Women's and Young Men's Mutual; the following were present from Pittsburg: Carol Clayton, Jeann Paquette, Larry Eaton, Vera Kirby, Lena Clayton, Hila Rodella, Alta Magleby, Shirley Gibbs, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wilcox, Lillian Chomor, Rhoda Magleby, Elaine Marchant, Mildred Gibbs, Gloria and Roger Magleby, and Ann and Ken Porter. With the above workers in charge of the events for the coming year we can surely expect fun, enthusiasm, and inspiration sprouting everywhere!

The Ladies Chorus departed from their ordinary time of rehearsal and met at the home of Thora Astle on Thursday, August 25, to enjoy a short practice followed by a serving of homemade cookies and sherbet. Also they made a recording of one of the numbers they will present in the Pittsburg Sacrament services on September 11. These present were: Thora Astle, Shirley Gibbs, Lenna Searson, Evelyn Hood, Mildred Gibbs, Boots Barrus, Genieve James, Berma Maughan, Emma Hinckley, Rhoda Magleby and Gloria Magleby.

A day at the welfare house working in pears formed the agenda for seven of our women Thursday, August 25. Those who made the trip were: Ann Porter, Viola Roche, Marlene Roche, Genieve James, Mildred Gibbs, Alta Magleby and Joyce Johnson.

Due mainly to the efforts of Genieve James the Pittsburg Fireside group has been kept alive during the summer with some very instructive and interesting lessons. Some of the latest have been given by Harvey Kirby on Gospel Dispensations, Roger Magleby on Mexico and Mexican Legends, and Bessie Dansie on The Pearl of Great Price.

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Workers on the green bean canning project at the Oakland Welfare Center and Bishops' Storehouse, August 19, 1949. Left to right: Bishop Paul E. Warnick of Oakland ward, James Call and Peter Easton. We must ask pardon of the bishop for showing this candid camera shot. We hope to present a properly taken photograph of Oakland's new bishop in the next issue of the Messenger.

—Photo by Ray W. Piercy, Jr.

Soft Ball Shows Stiff Competition

The interstae division finals in the Berkeley and Oakland stakesh were rather intense affairs, to say the least. Great loyalty for the "home teams" was on display among the enthusiastic rooters, while the players dished out their rugged best. Fine sportsmanship all around reflected great honor on the teams, credit upon the managers of the teams and of the series of games.

After Bereley first ward had surmounted the fine skill exhibited by Richmond and Carquinez Tuesday and Wednesday, September 6 and 7, they moved into Oakland to play Oakland ward, winners among Oakland stake wards, September 8 and 9.

Finally all other team were eliminated except Sutter ward, Sacramento and Berkeley First ward.

In the game to decide which team should go to the Church finals in SLC Sutter ward won the right to represent the northern California region.

G. Wm. Richards, Trained Musician, Gives Advice to Bishops, Musicians, and to Church Members on Ward Choir Work

At the Berkeley stake conference Elder G. William Richards, Church chorister and organist of note in the bay area, now about to leave for further advances musicial studies in New York, dropped three kindly suggestions about the success of ward choirs.

Bishops, call the choristers into service after confering with your counselors in prayer; then give the chosen chorister a free hand in his work and give him a reasonable budget.

Musiciais, take your call as from the Lord seriously, and fill it prayerfully. Sing something new, and keep it free from secular influences.

Church members, accept calls that come to you to serve your ward in the choir willingly as from the Lord, and fulfil them faithfully.

Vallejo Ward News

LA RUE A. POWELL

Interesting and worthwhile MIA institute meetings were conducted by stake directors in Vallejo ward to prepare officers and teachers for another mutual season. We are bound to have an unusually fine year Opening party comes September 13, and class work will commence September 30.

The Relief Society presidency are to be complimented for the lovely new furnishings in the ladies' lounge, financed with money earned through a rummage and food sale. Extensive plans for an opening party are underway, the date to be announced later. The beginning lesson will be presented October 4.

Tuesday, August 16, a large group traveled to Sebastopol and picked four and one-half tons of apples. This was a Welfare project. The fruit was sent to the stake cannery at El Cerrito.

On August 24, thirty-six Relief Society members and young girls of the Vallejo and Carquinez wards drove to the stake cannery. Results: approximately 2100 cans of pears.

The Primary association held an Indian Pow Wow on August 17, for the purpose of showing the handiwork made by the children during the summer. The party was climaxed with a program, games and refreshments. The opening Primary for the coming season assemble September 14.

Mrs. Helen Shurtleff and three children, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Cheshire, just returned from a two weeks' vacation in Oregon, Yellowstone Park, Idaho and Utah. While in Idaho, they were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Hurst who formerly resided in Vallejo.

Mr. and Mrs. George J. Kutterer recently returned from a vacation spent visiting their children in Idaho, Utah and Long Beach, California.

We are praying for the speedy recovery of Luella Atkin who is very ill in the hospital.

Mae Williams is recovering nicely at her home after a recent operation.

It was good to welcome Florene Williams and Afton Harvey back to church after their illnesses.

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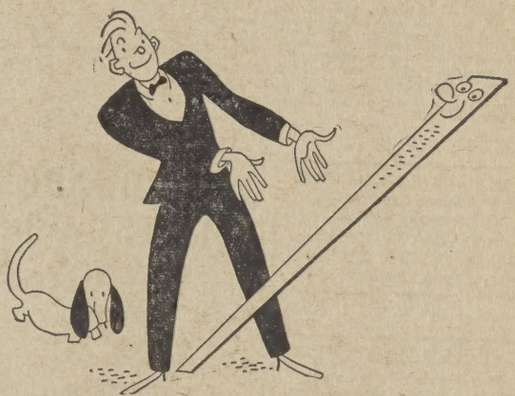

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Berkeley Stake Canning Record At New Cannery

Delbert Carmen, Richmond ward, in charge of the new cannery rather swells out at the chest when you ask him to talk about the record of the brand new cannery at the new Bishop's Store House and Welfare Center at San Pablo and Fink Lane, El Cerrito. Del and his cheerful wife and happy daughter ought to know for they have been at the steaming resorts and the paring tables every day in the week and many of the night hours, it seems.

First Del gave us the figures of the assigned Berkeley stake budget for the whole season: 6000 cans of fruit (all kinds). 1200 cans of jars and jellies: 6768 cans of vegatbles (all kinds).

Next Brother Cermen read us the figures of the canning completed by Berkeley stake (September 8, 1949): 6640 apricots; 16,839 cans of pears, totalling for these two fruits alone 23,495 cans of fruit against the assignment of 6000 cans. Apricot jam 1440 cans and 3586 cans of apple sauce together with 32 cans of apple butter and 243 cans of peaches complete the operation up to date, excepting 373 cans of tomatoes and 54 cans of ketchup. The tomato pack has not yet started in earnest.

While the figures presented above are for the stake budget, a beginning has also been made in group canning, but only a tiny beginning what Del thinks ought to have been done by ward groups teaming up together. Walnut Creek and Napa came in as a group and canned 2384 cans of pears, 33 of peaches, 42 apple sauce and 67 apple butter. Brother Carmen hopes that many ward groups will yet wake up to the rare opportunity offered for easy stocking their home shelves with the season's lush crop of fruits and vegetabes. Call Del Carmen for details: Richmond 6794-J.

Berk. Stake News

● The Third Quorum of Elders held a gleeful outing August 20 in honor of the Brentwood group of Elders who are soon to leave the connection with Berkeely and ties stake when their Branch severs up with the new San Joaquin stake. The outing was held at Sweeney's Beach east of Antioch. This lively quorum puts out a newsletter, most of the work being done, it seems, by a mysterious figure named Elder Rawdo, but the paper's return address is just John A. Roskelley of Concord. Who can solve the mystery?

● Prune season has arrived with a vengeance at Napa ward with its 30acres of trees heavy with fruit. The slogan in Napa meetings now is "Brother, Sister, get your knee pads ready." Have the other wards heard yet that Napa has its own LDS radio program? Well, it's true. The station, KVON; the time, Sunday nights at 9:30.

● A six-temple summer vacation was the fare of Milton E. and Marguerite Noe of Berkeley Second ward this July. Starting at St. George they spent two days in the temple there and then drov to the National Parks in Utah and up to the Manti temple within which they spent two days, and then up to the state capital where they visited and enjoyed two days doing work for the dead.

The next stopping place was Logan, the beautiful home of the UAC college and another LDS temple. In that structure they did work for the dead two days and passed on to Idaho Falls on the great Snake river where it dashes over the falls. In that newest of all our Houses of the Lord the Noes worshipped for two days in sacred ordinances. The next move was the longest of all for it took them to Cardston and the Canadian temple where the well-known President Wood presides. The Canadian Mission had brought a great group on excursion and with these elders and saints they enjoyed another two days in the Lord's House. In all 19 temple recommends were issued by Bishop Green this summer.

● Former Senator Wm. H. King, that grand old Utah orator. churchman statesman is still critically ill. He is living with a brother-in-law at 23 Eighth East St. S. L. C.

Wedding Bells

David B. Cummings was married to Lola Neilsen in the Salt Lake Temple, Friday, August 26 1949. David has just returned from the New England mission. He will enroll soon at Cal for work towards his doctor's degree in engineering. David and Lola will make their home in Claremont, living in an apartment owned by the Nielsen family.

This will be a gain for Claremont ward, and a jolt for Berkeley First Best of everything, David and Lola.

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Merrilyn Harmon was married to Albert Goddard Everett in the SLC temple September 7, 1949 and held a reception in the Lion House in SLC afterwards, and will hold a Berkeley reception at President Harmon's home on Cragmont avenue, Friday, September 16.

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Joanne Gardner will marry temple in September and will hold a reception at the LDS Church Institute on LeConte street, Berkeley, Monday, September 13, 1949.

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Annette Call was married to Russel Koch August 10 at the chapel of the Chimes in Berkeley by Bishop A D Ericksen. A reception followed at the LDS Institute.

● 1554 nersons climbed Timpanogas the last Saturady in July in the 38th annual BYU sponsored hike to the famous Timpanogas glacier.

The Southgates Come and Go

George and Effie Southgate, long and lovingly known by the east bay colony when they lived in Berkeley where they kept open house for all friends at his tailor shop on Shattuck, ran through Berkeley one day late in August.

Traveling with friends who were bent on visiting in Long Beach, the east bay stop was just an "extra" overnight station this time. But they did find time to call by phone from their hotel and send greetings thru the Messenger to all their dear friends in California. As far as we could see over the phone they looked in usual good health Daughter Lucile and hubby Brother Olson have another "little fairy" in their home. All is well. The Southgates invites every friend to call on them in Salt Lake.

● About one-fifth of Utah is still unsurveyed and thus not available for lease for grazing etc. The area is now fast being surveyed because the land is now in tremendous demand says the U. S. bureau of land management.

● The Deseret News states that Utah and Colorado are the only two states that show possibility of possessing new sources of unanium, according to Hoffman, chief minerals branch, Bureau of Land Management (Aug.)

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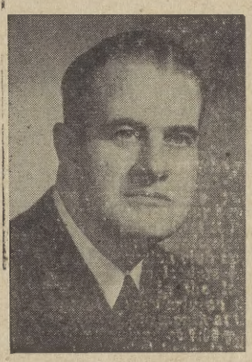

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Berkeley Stake Ward Workers' Reception

September 9 at 2:00 p.m. the Berkeley Stake M. I. A will be host to all Ward M. I. A. ward workers and their partners, all members of ward bishoprics and their wives, and members of the stake presidency and High Council and their wives in an informal reception to be held in the Berkeley recreation hall.

The reception will be in form of a dance with a program and refreshments included in the evenings events. Ward presidents and superintendents will receive special recognition and it is hoped that ward workers especially will turn out to be introduced and to meet other M. I. A. officers and teachers from the stake.

Co-chairman of the evening are Jay Brown and Gloria Magelby with all members of the young men's and young women's boards as committee members.

"Cast Your Bread Upon the Water"

(Another in a series being written for the Messenger by Roscoe W. Eardley of the Church General Welfare Committe).

"Mister, can you spare me a dime for a cup of coffee and a sinker?"

The man who asked this question appeared to be a typical American tramp. His clothes were soiled and ragged. A week's growth of stubbel covered his face. He was bleary eyed.

President J. Golden Kimball once said that at times all of us receive impressions to do good He advised that such impressions be acted upon immediately or they would probably pass away forever. As this tramp confonted me, I had such an impression, So I sair:

"Bud, how would you like to have a vision of a good breakfast I'll help you find a job"

At first he did not seem to take kindly to this suggestion, but perhaps a vision of a good breakfast like his motner used to serve helped him to say, ,

"All right what do you want me to do?"

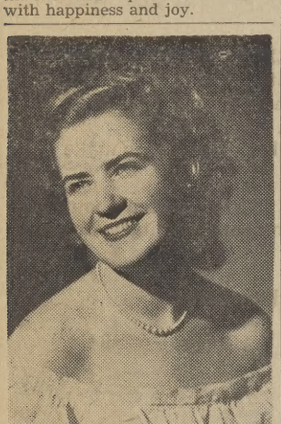
We found the job We gave him a hearty breakfast before he started He ate with relish because he was very hungry. The job was hard work It took him two woks to complete the work. I saw this "tramp" three or four times during those two weeks and each time I saw him he seemed to be developing from a "tramp" into a respectable hardworking laboring man. I was so impressed that I went to another friend who had a construction job in one of the canyons and asked him to give my new-found friend work for the summer. He agreed. Once or twice he reported to me that the man was getting along very well and was liked by the other workmen.

About a year after this experience, a young man came into our office. He was straight as an arrow, his eyes were clear and bright and his cheeks were ruddy with a healthy complexion. He was well dressed, well groomed, and what girls would call, "tall, dark and handsome."

"Do you remember me," he asked. I answered, "Your face looks familiar but I cannot remember where we have met before."

He said, "I am from Pennsylvania. I have the most wonderful mother in the world and a kind and noble father. They live in a good home. Like many other American youth, my feet itched and I had the 'wander-lust.' I took 'French leave' from my mother and father and home, to see the world. Things went badly for me. Instead of climbing up I slid down and down until I reached the place in which you found me a year ago when I asked for a dime for a cup of coffee. Since that morning things have gone well for me. Tonight I am returning to my mother and father and home. Should I have failed to come and thank you before I left I would be a deep ingrate and intirely unworthy of the confidence and help of you and other people. So I have just come in to say 'Thank you and God bless you'."

As he left the office I experienced a certain sense of happiness as a fine son who had repented of his waywardness left to return home to lift a load of sorrow from the shoulders of an old father and mother and replace that sorrow with happiness and joy.



Joan Williams, Candidate For Walnut Queen

Walnut Creek ward is honored by having one of its girls selected for candidate for queen of the Walnut Festival to be held in Walnut Creek Sept. 23, 24 and 25.

Five canidates are sponsored by various organizations Joan is the Pleasant Hill canoidate and is supported by all the organizations of that district, including The Recreation Council, The Grange, The Scouts, The P. T. A. and the Business Men's club

Joan is the daughter of Georgia D. Williams and has been active in Sunday school and Mutual. She is eighteen years old and has lived in Pleasant Hill all her life.

Ten per cent of the proceeds from the sale of tickets stays in Peasant Hill to be used for recreational purposes. Each ticket sold gives the candidate 10 votes. The queen will receive two hundred dollars. Joan plans to enter B. Y. U. this fall. She has been employed for the last four years during the summer vacations and after school, at the El Rey Confectionery in Walnut Creek. The Williams live at 2201 Contra Costa Highway, Concord.

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(The following notes are taken from Mrs. Patton's manuscript, "Pilgrims Introduction of the Pacific"). Chapter 1.

LDS skilled workers from the ship Brooklyn helped build houses wharfs and business places in San Francisco as well as to give the city its first newspaper. Mormon thrift initiated tanning, printing, flour milling and grain growing.

Moreover, the early records of the state of California show such names as "Mormon Island," the second gold strike in Sacramento county; 'Mormon Gulch' later Tuttle town in Tuolumne county; "Mormon Bar," later owned by Fremont, in Mariposa county. Also found on the early records are such names as, "Mormon Diggin," "Mormon Slough;" Mormon Channel;" "Tragedy Springs," where three members of the Mormon Battalion were killed by Indians a spot in the Sierras east of Sacramento which is marked by the Native Sons; "Emigrant Trail," made by the LDS when they migrated from California to Utah in 1848; "Hope Valley," where these saints assembled to prepare for the trek across the Sierras.

Altho the more remantic side of the Mormon contribution to California history is worthy of study, yet the more substantial wheat sowing by the saints who went into the great centeral valley in 1846 to establish the agricultural settlement of "New Hope" on the San Joaquin and Stanislaus rivers is perhaps more important historically. Just one year after this pioneering by the Mormons in the central valley came Capt. Weber to lay out the town of Tuleberg, later Weberville which was to grow into the city of Stockton. After the mining fever died down, grain growing became the most important industry of the centeral valley for many years. until irrigation made other crops there of first value.

No. Calif. Mission

Commencing Sunday September 4 at Santa Rosa Elder Joseph Fielding Smith of the Quorum of the twelve Apostles begins a tour of the Northern California mission in cooperation with President T. W. Gardner of the Mission. Their wives will accompany these brethren. The tour will continue for two full weeks during which time meetings will be held daily, sometimes two a day, with only one day excepted and that day will be devoted to travel from Redding to Santa Cruz.

Visited will be the branches many of them as large as wards, and meeting in their own new and beautiful chapels. Besides Santa Rosa, Ukiah, Eureka, Grants Pass, Medford, Ashland, Klamath Falls, Tulelake, Redding, Santa Cruz. Visalia and two branches in Fresno.

Guess how many missionaries now serve in the N. Cal. Mission?

Well, there were 156 at the time of the July report This report is very enlightening, giving the average per missionary's activity as follows: hours speat per day 5.9; cottage meetings, 7.2 per month. expense per month $64.-67; Book of Mormon sold 263, and loaned 344. The Elders working on the town directory actually spent the amazing total of 131 hours of work per missionary.

Ten new missionaries came into the Mission in July and 13 were released.

"Enthusiasm," quotes the report." Is the main spring of the soul Keep it wound up and you will never lack the power to get you where you want to go, or what you actually need.

• Gambling has become "big business." Between 1929 and 1941 the nation showed ten-fold increase in money spent for gambling machines. We spend a penny and a half out of the average dollar on religion and private welfare, considerably less than what we spend for liquor or tobacco. Also our biggest increase in food costs is in coffee, tea and cocoa. (How about hot dogs?).

Bishop and Wife Leave For Mission

By Mildred P. Morgan

Owen D. Stewart and wife Mary Ellsworth Stewart, September 10 for a mission. This faithful couple came from Arizona years ago because of Owen's health. He had been so ill in Arizona that there was no apparent hope of his recovery. Sister Stewart's faith in the promises in Owen's patriarchial blessing encouraged her to exercise faith in his behalf and through God's power he was healed.

Both were active in the Church in Arizona, he in the bishopric and Mary as president of YLMIA and then Relief Society for over 25 years.

After they came to California she was sustained as president of Hayward Relif Society which office she held until Bro. Stewart was called as bishop of Hayward ward. Then she resigned so she could sustain her husband in that important position. Mary has served on the Relief Society stake board for years; Owen now is a member of the stake high council.

They have five grown children, all married in the temples. Owen and Mary have ten grandchildren. We love the Stewarts and wish God's blessing upon them in power and abundance.

Yours for Health And Strength

By BROTHER JONATHAN.

Even with the knowledge of proper preparation of foods some women or cooks still persist in ruining good food by the way they prepare and cook it for their families. In nearly every case with fruits and vegetables—especially when the vegetable or fruit is peeled, over-cooked, pickled, preserved, or allowed to wilt—it looses most of its food value.

Whn fruits and vgetables are brought from the market or garden, they should immediately be washed and placed in the refrigerator because as soon as these foods are gathered from the garden deterioration begins. The greatest losses in fruits and vegetables prior to cooking is caused by the presence of enzymes in the cells of all plants which cause the vitamins to combine with the oxygen, thus beginning the deterioration process.

The greatest loss by this process is the destruction of Vitamin A, Vitamin C, and carotene. Placing the fruits and vegetables in the refrigerator retards this action considerably. A few foods have thick skins or peeling which protect the vitamins from the oxygen. These are such foods as oranges, apples, bananas and potatoes.

Washing of foods should be done with care but as rapidly as possible. **The food shold never be soaked. Soaking causes fruits and vegetables to lose large amounts of minerals and some vitamins.** If food has been sprayed with a poison spray during growth to kill certain detrimental foreign substances, it should be washed carefully but quickly in water and then rinsed in a special solution. Such a solution should be made of one ounce of chemically pure hydrocholoric acid and three quarts of water. This solution can be kept in an earthern crock and used for a week or more. After the food is rinsed in this solution, it should be thoroughly rinsed again in fresh water.

Remember God gives us good foods. Let us try to prepare them properly.

Seven Missionary Sons of Missionary Parents, Eugene and Ruth Hilton

This photo shows Eugene and Ruth Savage Hilton and their seven missionary sons. When George Fayette Hilton enters the LDS Mission Home on September 12, 1949, prior to leaving for the Tahitian Mission, he becomes the last of seven brothers to serve as missionaries for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The family of Eugene and Ruth Savage Hilton of 3918 Everett St., Oakland, has a missionary tradition. President and Ruth Hilton first met in the Eastern States Mission in 1914 when Sister Hilton entered that mission field just prior to the release of her future husband.

Their family now consists of seven sons and a lovely daughter, Patricia. The six sons who have previously served as missionaries are: Eugene S., German Mission, 1936-1939; Joe Roy, Western States Mission, 1939-1941; Phyl, Northern States Mission, 1941-1943; Theodore, Eastern States Mission, 1942-1944; Lynn, New England Mission 1945 to 1947; and John, who has been serving in the Brazilian Mission since 1947, and is still there.

Of the seven Hilton sons, five served in the U. S. Armed Forces, during the World War II The four eldest have all graduated from the University of California at Berkeley, and Lynn has graduated from the University of Utah. John and George are interrupting their university training to serve as missionaries.

Six of the seven sons hold the rank in Eagle Scout while the other that of Life Scout: a record seldom equaled.

All seven boys received their calls as missionaries from Dimond Ward, Oakland stake during the past thirteen years. As Stake President, their father, Eugene Hilton has had the privilege of interviewing and recommending all except the eldest, who left while President Hilton was serving in the Oakland Stake Presidency, but a few months prior to his being selected as Stake Persident.

President Hilton was recently released as Stake President to enable him to engage in an important study growing out of his academic work. This study concerns the method of teaching moral and spiritual subjects in the public schools. An educator by profession, President Hilton holds the degree of Doctor of Education and is principal of the Emerson School in Oakland.

Sister Hilton has served for more than eighteen years on the Stake Relief Society Board, being President four years. At present she is the chairman of the L. D. S. girls group in Oakland Stake. An impressive reader and public speaker she has contributed to hundreds of Church programs.

George has just completed his sophomore year at the University at Berkeley. After his mission, he plans to return to his studies with a major in optometery.

"How great shall be your joy if ye bring one soul unto me," is the Master's encouraging saying which applies to these seven missionary sons of a devotd LDS missionary couple.

Gen. Conference Sept. 30, Oct. 1-2

The General Conference in Salt Lake Tabernacle will convene three days, September 30, and October 1 and 2.

Oakland stake holds its next stake conference October 22 and 23; while Berkeley will not have their next conference until November 12 and 13.

Mormon Male Chorus Begins Year's Work

Director Robert Sant of the Mormon Male Chorus announces that weekly practices will resume for the season, September 12 in the usual place, the Oakland ward chapel, MacArthur and Webster street. This organization has won a warm place in the hearts of the local colony for its really professional renditions of the finest in music, and also for the willingness of the chorus to grace a variety of programs in both stakes. We look forward to again hearing this season repertoirs.

Director Sant states that a welcome awaits any male singers who would like to make applications for membership in the chorus. Call any Monday night at the Oakland chapel, hear and meet the chorus, and contact "Bob" in person. No finer service is rendered by any group to the spiritual and cultural development of the east bay and especially of the LDS colony.

• UAC, Logan, Utah announce having four dormitories for single men, and more than 500 living units for married students. They say that $500 ought to cover everything for an academic year.

• The Tabernacle choir, Lester Hewlett president, enjoyed their annual party at Logan August 18, more than 300 members and their partners.

• Mount Jordan Stake holds an annual sunrise service, this year at the Jordan H. S. stadium.

Afton Stout

How is this for a fish story? Afton Stout(the Stout Tires man and also the basso profundo of the Berkeley First choir and the Mormon Male chorus) presents this exhibit one in any contest for first place among the Isaac Waltons hereabouts. The question is: How does he do it? Sing 'em to sleep, or just 'tire' 'em to death, or what?